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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Burl Shannon Hinkle
Serial No.: 09/845,397
Filed: April 30, 2001
For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR SIMULATING
BUSINESS OPERATIONS

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1. Transmitted herewith is:
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STATUS

2. Applicant
 claims small entity status.
 is other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
second month	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
third month	\$ 920.00	\$ 460.00
fourth month	\$1,440.00	\$ 720.00
fifth month	\$1,960.00	\$ 980.00

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____.

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		ADDITIONAL RATE FEE		ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	
TOTAL		MINUS		=		x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$	
INDEP.		MINUS		=		x \$42 = \$		x \$84 = \$	
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						+ \$130 = \$		+ \$280 = \$	
						TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	

(a) No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

(b) Total additional fee for claims required \$

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5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____

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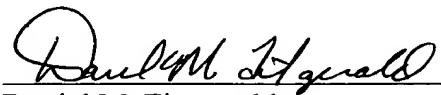
FEE DEFICIENCY

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

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7. Other:


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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are 127 sheets of formal drawings. Figures 4 and 15-42 have been expanded over multiple drawing sheets to meet the font size requirements. Accordingly, the number of sheets has increased from 42 to 127. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests approval of the enclosed drawings.

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